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The Honorable Joseline Pena-Melnyk
Chair, House Health & Government Operations Committee
Room 241
House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

**House Bill 1074 - Health Insurance – Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Benefits -
Sunset Repeal and Modification of Reporting Requirements**

Dear Chair Pena-Melnyk,

The League of Life and Health Insurers of Maryland, Inc. respectfully **opposes** *House Bill 1074 – Health Insurance – Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Benefits - Sunset Repeal and Modification of Reporting Requirements* and urges the committee to give the bill an unfavorable report.

The League and our members are committed to finding ways to streamline the process to get the intended results from mental health parity reporting. While we understand the intentions of this legislation, we believe the most appropriate vehicle for these changes is *HB 1085 – Maryland Insurance Administration – Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Reporting Requirements – Revisions and Sunset Repeal* sponsored by Delegate Cullison.

We appreciate the sponsor and committee’s recognition that these reports have proved challenging for both carriers and the MIA. Accordingly, League members are committed to working on the best product this Session that will have the greatest impact on patient access to care. We promise to remain at the table and whatever vehicle the committee chooses to use our members will be engaged.

For these reasons, the League urges the committee to give House Bill 1074 an unfavorable report.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Celentano", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Matthew Celentano
Executive Director

cc: Members, Senate Finance Committee